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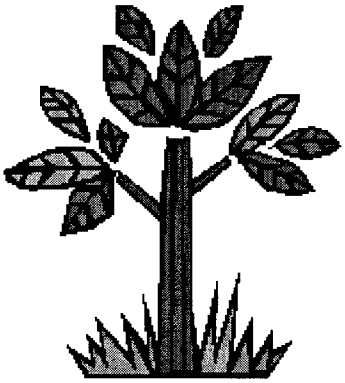
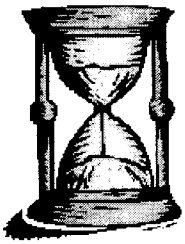
Clifton - Inaugural Benefit

On Saturday, May 24th, Bill and Kathy Niskanen hosted an inaugural benefit for the Nabb Research Center at their home "Clifton" in Somerset County, Maryland. "Clifton" (*circa* 1805) in Revells Neck is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over 80 attendees purchased tickets to the event which featured a light dinner buffet, mint juleps and silent auction. The benefit generated over $8,000 for the Nabb Research Center. The event was made possible by the generous donations of silent auction items, food, beverages and time from Board members, staff, patrons and the business community. Most significantly, the venue of "Clifton" on the Manokin River ensured a beautiful setting for this inaugural reception. Kathy Niskanen is a member of the Board of Directors for the Nabb Research Center.



Family History Workshop

On Saturday, June 21, the Nabb Research Center will be holding a Family History Workshop as a fundraiser. This event will be hosted by Salisbury University professors and Nabb Research Center board members, Dr. Ray Thompson and Dr. Clara Small. The workshop will focus on researching Delmarva families, but also includes general information about genealogical research. Topics covered include how to start your family research, what sources to examine for genealogical study, how to take an oral history, African-American genealogical techniques, and the interpretation of Colonial handwriting. The workshop also allows time for a "hands-on" work session. The cost of the workshop is $50 per person. A discounted fee will be offered to members of the Nabb Research Center. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.. with a one-hour break for lunch. For more information or to reserve your space, please contact the Nabb Research Center at 410-543-6312.



New Hours for the Nabb Research Center!!!

Beginning July 1st, the Nabb Research Center will initiate new revised hours.

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Center will not be open on Saturday.

The changes are necessary due to staffing cutbacks. We are able to maintain the Monday evenings due to the generosity of volunteers from the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Folklife Field School — The Nabb Center will be part of the 2003 Folklife Field School at Salisbury University and Crisfield, Maryland, from June 13 to July 3. The Field School, which is jointly sponsored by Salisbury University and the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, is an intensive, three-week course in professional techniques for cultural documentation. The 15 participants will spend time at the Nabb Center doing preliminary research about Crisfield and surrounding areas on Delmarva as well as learning about how archives function.

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The Arlington Foundation, Inc. will install a traveling exhibit "Architecture at Arlington" at the Nabb Research Center beginning in June to run until December 2003. John Custis II's ancestral home was the small village of Arlington in the Cotswold hills of Gloucester, England, west of London. When he built his house on Old Plantation Creek on Virginia's Eastern Shore, he named it Arlington. The famous Arlington National Cemetery was named for the Custis plantation. Watch for the opening date!

Participants of an historical research camp being held this July at Pemberton Hall, Salisbury, sponsored by the Maryland Department of Education will be using the tools available at the Nabb Research Center for primary research. These 5th & 6th graders will utilize original documents and manuscripts as a part of their research exercises.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

A recent addition to the Nabb Research Center Board of Directors, Sandra Quillin is an Ocean City native who presently is retired from the hotel/tourism industry. Quillin is a graduate of Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. Married to J. D. Quillin, III for over 40 years, they have two children and five grandchildren. Sandra Quillin is past board member and lifetime member of the Worcester County Historical Society. She is a lifetime member of the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society and a member of the Delaware General Society. Quillin is an avid reader who spends her spare time tending to her exotic birds.

BEST LUCK TO JILL!

The patrons and staff of the Nabb Research Center will miss Jill Jeffery, our Research Coordinator, who recently resigned to pursue other career opportunities in light of the Nabb's fiscal situation. Jill was an invaluable member of the Nabb team who had been with us since her days as a graduate student in the history department. She set a high standard for our publications and events coordination. We wish her well.